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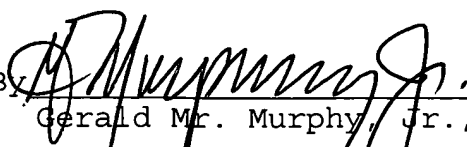
Sir:

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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP02/04649

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement under Article 19
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- ☐ the drawings:
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- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
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- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig _____

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

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| Novelty (N) | Claims | 1-5 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |
| Inventive step (IS) | Claims | | YES |
| | Claims | 1-5 | NO |
| Industrial applicability (IA) | Claims | 1-5 | YES |
| | Claims | | NO |

2. Citations and explanations

Claims 1-5

Document 1: JP, 2000-287667, A

Document 2: EP, 791688, A

Document 1 ([0014]-[0016]) cited in the ISR describes (1) cigarette rolling paper having basic calcium phosphate powder mixed or adsorbed and (2) cigarette rolling paper having calcium tertiary phosphate mixed or adsorbed. The use of, for example, a citrate as a combustion control agent and rolling paper with a unit weight of about 20 to about 70 g/m² are well known as also described in document 2. So, a person skilled in the art could have easily (1) used the said combustion control agent and (2) set the unit weight approximately in the above-mentioned range, in the invention described in document 1.